

Local Drought Impact Groups

Schedule for group formation

Timeline	Counties
Established groups	Cochise Yavapai Santa Cruz Pinal Pima Graham/ Greenlee
In progress	Navajo Apache
March – June 2007	Coconino Maricopa La Paz Mohave Yuma
To be determined	Gila

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ADWR Statewide Drought Program
Providing statewide assistance for drought preparedness, mitigation and response

Encourage regional coordination for drought and conservation planning

Local Drought Impact Groups (LDIGs) are county-level groups created voluntarily to coordinate drought public awareness, provide impact information to local and state leaders, and develop and implement local mitigation and response options.

- ◇ *Local Coordinators - County Extension Agent & County Emergency Manager*
- ◇ *Support & Statewide Coordination - AZ Department of Water Resources*

Objectives

- Identify local drought-related impacts
- Define and assess societal impacts, severity, loss and costs associated with impacts
- Identify response options
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response
- Identify and facilitate efforts to mitigate impacts focusing on preparedness and reducing drought vulnerabilities

Participation

- Local/County Governments
- Municipal/Private Water Companies
- Other Local Water Providers
- Irrigation Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Natural Resource Conservation Districts
- Arizona Game & Fish Department
- Local Non-Government Organizations
- State/Federal Agencies



Background Information

The Governor's Drought Task Force, established in March 2003, developed the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* to address drought issues facing Arizonans. As a result, Local Drought Impact Groups are being created across Arizona to identify drought impacts and initiate mitigation or response options at the local level. In addition, two other committees, the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, are assisting with implementing the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*.

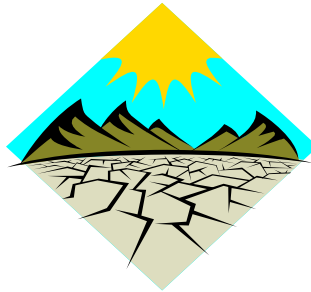
Key to the implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* is the creation of three structured groups

Monitoring Technical Committee

On-going technical data gathering and information dissemination group

- Tracks changes in climate and physical conditions
- Forecasts likely future conditions
- Provides early warning and detection
- Determines drought conditions based on monitoring data

The Monitoring Technical Committee will use local drought impact information, along with scientific data, to determine drought conditions in each climate division.



Local Drought Impact Groups play an important role

Interagency Coordinating Group

Provides policy guidance for the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*

- Advises Governor of changes in drought conditions
- Reviews plan based on information from Monitoring Technical Committee and Local Drought Impact Groups
- Provides recommendations for improving monitoring, implementation and response

ADWR consults with both committees to determine the potential severity of drought conditions and the expected impacts. The appropriate level of response is then decided.

ADWR serves as the facilitator of the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, provides staff support and web services, and assists with report development and public outreach.

